Alhambra Unified School District to Host Drive-Up Graduation Ceremonies for Graduating Seniors and 8th Grade Students

Monterey Park, Calif. - June 4, 2020 - Alhambra Unified School District is partnering with the Monterey Park Police Department to host approved drive-up graduation events for both seniors and 8th grade students.

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health is now allowing car parades for graduations and other special events so that achievements can be safely celebrated. However, protocols must be observed to protect the health and safety of students and families celebrating these milestones amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Some of the guidelines include:

- Requiring all occupants of each vehicle to be from the same household. Everyone must remain inside their enclosed vehicle with their seat belt fastened during the entire event. AUSD staff will hand students their diplomas through the car window at their designated time. Bicycles and motorcycles are not allowed.
- 2. All car parades or drive thru events involving a gathering are limited to 20 vehicles and must have security or local law enforcement present to address traffic and safety issues. Please note, the Monterey Park Police Department is collaborating with AUSD on graduation ceremonies, but will NOT be participating in any independent/individual car parades.
- 3. Parents will receive notice of approved drive thru events from school personnel.

AUSD is hosting the events from June 4-19 and is responsible for making sure participants comply with the protocols. LA County Department of Public Health protocols can be found at (http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/docs/protocols/Reopening carparades.pdf).

"We understand families want to get out, hug their children and take pictures of this special occasion. But that's not allowed under the guidelines," said AUSD Superintendent Denise Jamarillo. "It's important to follow the protocols because failure to do so will lead to the cancellations of these and subsequent graduation events."

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